

Annual Report

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Assessors and

Overseers of the Poor,

— OF THE —

Town of Harwich.

— INCLUDING REPORTS OF —

Town Clerk and Treasurer, School Committee,

Road Commissioners and Auditors,

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

HARWICH, MASS.:
ALTON P. GOSS, STEAM PRINTER.
1896.

PROPERTY OF
CAPE COD GENEALOCICAL SOCIETY
ON PERMANENT LOAN TO
BROOKS LIBRARY, HARWICH, MASS.

Harwich Incorporated September 14, 1694.

Population by State Census, 1895,.....2534.

Town Officers for the Year 1895.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

J. H. PAINE.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

WATSON B. KELLEY, AMBROSE N. DOANE,
ASA L. JONES.

School Committee.

W. J. NICKERSON,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Term	Expires	1896
S. A. HAYWARD,	.	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1897
GEO. N. MUNSELL,	.	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1898

Road Commissioners.

RINALDO ELDRIDGE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Term	Expires	1896
O. C. BAKER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1897
EBENEZER WEEKES, 2d.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1898

Herring Committee.

HENRY C. BERRY, FREEMAN RYDER,
JOHN E. RYDER.

Auditors.

EMULOUS SMALL, JOSEPH K. ROBBINS.

Constables.

MARK F. NICKERSON, MICHAEL B. CHASE,
JOSEPH M. WALKER.

Registrars of Voters.

J. H. PAINE, TOWN CLERK,							Ex officio.		
EPHRAIM DOANE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Term	Expires	1896
DARIUS F. WEEKES,	.	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1897
DAVIS LOTHROP,	.	.	.	.	.	.	"	"	1898

Collectors of Taxes.

PATRICK KELLEY—West Section. EZRA ELDRIDGE—East Section.

*To the Citizens and Tax Payers of the Town of
Harwich:*

We herewith submit to you the Annual Report of the business transacted in the several departments of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

For Support of Poor in Almshouse,	\$1300.00	1000.
" " " " out of Almshouse,	1500.00	1000
" Support of Insane,	500.00	
" Repairs on Roads,	2500.00	1000
" " " Bridges,	500.00	300
" Schools,	5000.00	6500
" School Books,	300.00	350
" Repairs on Buildings, and School Supplies,	300.00	300
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	600.00	800
" Suppression of Crime,	200.00	
" Clearing Snow,	100.00	300
" Board of Health,	200.00	100
" State Highway,	400.00	
" Salt Water Pond,	200.00	
" Allen's Harbor,	100.00	
" Bridges and Sluiceways,	1200.00	
" Memorial Day Observance,	50.00	
" Town Officers,	1000.00	1000
Total,	\$15950.00	1650
		14900

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SUPPLIES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid David P. Ryder as keeper,	\$250.00
“ David P. Ryder for supplies,	72.66
“ W. B. Kelley for supplies,	122.01
“ E. L. Stokes,	6.00
“ S. K. Crowell,	58.79
“ F. W. Baker,	26.59
“ Mulford Young,	20.93
“ Mrs. J. S. Paine,	5.04
“ Leonard Clark,	16.28
“ S. K. Sears,	6.64
“ Charles H. Taylor,	7.00
“ Levi Rogers,	7.50
“ A. H. Bassett,	31.67
“ Samuel Moody,	42.13
“ V. D. Nickerson,	19.72
“ F. D. Weekes,	10.40
“ J. F. Tobey,	36.41
“ Moses Handren,	10.00
“ Cornelius Eldridge,	5.00
“ T. R. Eldridge,	90.55
“ A. E. Weekes,	90.43
“ C. S. Hunt,	14.21
“ H. C. Robbins,	23.05
“ W. B. Baker,	22.72
“ G. D. Smalley,	1.20
“ H. W. Bassett,	31.62
“ Erastus Chase,	27.84
“ J. F. Small,	4.57
“ Eldridge Small,	5.00
“ Davis Lothrop,	30.25
“ Nathan Nickerson,	2.60
“ James Hyde (carting),	1.50
“ O. S. Mecarta,	10.00
“ Samuel T. Nickerson,	11.00
“ Cyrus Baker,	3.00
“ S. B. Kelley,	23.62
“ Paddock Small,	17.57

Paid J. O. Hulse, Jr.,	\$21.70
“ C. E. Brett,	5.50
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	\$1192.70
Appropriation,	\$1300.00
Expended,	1192.70
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Unexpended,	\$ 107.30

SUPPLIES TO POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Hittie C. Hunt,	\$48.00
Julius Nickerson,	7.50
Eliza J. Nickerson, Burial Expenses,	17.50
Joanna Allen,	54.69
Idella J. Higgins,	48.50
Emeline Berry,	13.00
Lydia E. Nickerson,	9.75
E. Emma Ellis,	119.99
Ebenezer Cahoon, account 1894,	57.27
Ebenezer Cahoon, Jr., account 1894,	16 63
Tamesin Cahoon, account 1894,	8.13
Aldenia Eldridge, account 1894,	31.85
Heman Nickerson,	55.64
Moses H. Handy,	10.75
Job D. Chase,	13.88
Alice Robinson,	55.00
Sarah C. Chase,	22.00
Alexander Chase,	70.22
Emily C. Chase,	13.13
Joseph Eldridge,	48.00
Mrs. Ellery Crowell, account 1894,	24.00
Lydia Robbins, \$26.00, expense 1894,	87.75
George Hopkins, wife's medical attendance and burial,	128.98
George Hopkins, son's medical attendance and burial,	53.27
William H. Burnham and family,	50.01
Leonard Burnham,	11.00
Nicholas Dixon and family,	89.75

Clara N. Smith,	\$ 1.75
Zebina H. Eldridge,	21.20
Matthew Allen,	57.55
Elizabeth Burnham, surgical attendance,	65.00
Arthur Ellis,	8.25
Edwin L. Chase,	52.00
Patrick Quinn,	2.50
Nathan Phillips,	11.00
Ebenezer Cahoon,	82.80
Tamson Cahoon,	7.73
Frank P. Chase, burial expenses,	15.00
Erastus Snow,	14.42
Ahira Chase,	3.25
Mrs. Ellery Crowell, (\$8.00 refunded ; see Treas. report,)	24.00
Aldenia Eldridge,	15.40
David B. Thomas and family,	39.20

	\$1587.24
Appropriation,	1500.00

Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 87.24

SUPPORT OF INSANE AT TAUNTON AND WORCESTER.

Frederick Baker,	\$169.46
Pliny N. Doane, (refunded in part,)	169.46
Augustus S. Pratt,	169.46
Thankful W. Chase,	169.48
Nellie M. Stone,	169.45

	\$847.31
Appropriation,	500.00

Exceeded Appropriation,	\$347.31

POOR SUPPORTED FOR OTHER TOWNS.

Gowell Chase, city of New Bedford,	\$96.00
Phebe Nickerson, town of Brewster,	56.26
Lydia Chipman, city of Boston,	18.25
Emma Chipman, Boston,	19.00
James F. Dowling, Weymouth,	13.00
Edwin Jenkins, Falmouth,	3.25

(To be refunded,)	\$205.76

POOR SUPPORTED FOR STATE.

Jerry O'Brien,	\$110.98
Isaac Simmons,	2.00
Joachim Isaacs,	6.00
Benjamin Hexey,	2.50
Puni Zaa,	15.00
Ernest Saccaro,	5.00
Mary Ann Augusta, Coffin,	7.50

	\$148.98

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
WATSON B. KELLEY,
ASA L. JONES,

Overseers of the Poor.

EXPENSES ON ACCT. STATE HIGHWAY.

Paid A. H. Knowles for surveying and making plans,	\$314.37
" for Travelling Expenses of Selectmen and Engineer,	90.00
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	\$404.37
Appropriation,	400.00
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Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 4.37

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid H. P. Harriman, Attorney for Town,	\$53.00
" Detective Service,	35.00
" D. M. Nickerson, Jr.,	8.00
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	\$96.00
Appropriation,	\$200.00
Expended,	96.00
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Unexpended,	\$104.00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE.

Paid Chas. Mullett, Quartermaster F. D. Hammond Post,	\$50.00
Appropriation, \$50.00	

NEW CULVERT AT NORTH HARWICH.

Paid for Stone from Quincy,	\$167.84
" Freight on same,	216.59
" for Cement and Lumber,	54.08
" J. E. Ryder, Carting,	4.55
" Richard and Edwin B. Rogers, Carting,	30.00
" Richard W. Rogers, Carting,	12.00
" B. F. Eldridge, Carting,	33.75
" E. F. Ryder, for Setting Lights at 20 cents per night.	16.00
" E. F. Ryder, for Labor,	14.22
" Edwin B. Rogers, for Labor,	23.10
" Jas. A. Snow, for Labor,	18.45
" R. F. Smith, for Labor,	1.39
" A. F. Long, for Labor,	21.07
" Benj. W. Rogers, for Labor,	29.25
" Eben Phillips, for Labor,	3.30
" R. E. Gray, for Labor,	6.53
" Geo. F. Ellis, for Labor,	6.53
" Joseph Gonsalves, for Labor,	22.17
" C. F. Hall, for Labor,	17.82
" Joseph H. Cahoon, for Labor,	5.10
" Joseph Sears, for Labor,	19.20
" B. R. Clark, for Labor,	9.98
" Seth Paine, for Labor,	207.00
" Wm. H. Nickerson, for Labor,	1.87
" Josiah S. Chase, Kerosene, etc.,	2.85
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	\$944.64

Removing Stone Culvert at R. Rogers' Mill and Carting Stone to F. Ryder's Bridge, No Appropriation.	\$65.00
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VOTING BOOTHS.

Paid Edgar F. Bassett, No Appropriation.	\$4.75
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid D. R. Ginn, account Diphtheria,	\$ 47.50
“ D. R. Ginn, account Joshua McKinley,	15.00
“ D. R. Ginn, account John B. Rogers, and Supplies,	54.50
“ Geo. N. Munsell, State Paupers,	46.25
“ Geo. N. Munsell, Supplies, Otis C. Nickerson,	4.25
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	\$167.50
Appropriation,	\$200.00
Expended,	167.50
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Unexpended,	\$ 32.50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid J. H. Paine,	\$15.00
“ Ephraim Doane,	15.00
“ Davis Lothrop,	15.00
“ D. F. Weekes,	15.00
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	\$60.00

No Appropriation.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid Joseph K. Robbins, (1894),	\$ 2.50
“ Shadrach Kelley, (1894),	2.50
“ Michael B. Chase, 1895,	2.50
“ James E. Chase, 1895,	2.50
“ Elisha Mayo, 1895,	2.50
“ Rufus H. Small,	2.50
“ Edwin L. Eldridge,	2.50
“ W. A. Eldridge,	2.50
“ Richard McGrand,	2.50
“ J. B. Atkins,	2.50
“ S. W. Rogers,	2.50
“ C. H. Kelley, Jr.,	2.50
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	\$30.00

No Appropriation.

FIRE WARDS.

Paid Emulous A. Cahoon,	\$ 8.55
“ James H. Eldridge,	13.36
“ Benj. F. Hall,	28.57
“ Chas. H. Taylor, 2d,	1.75
“ Wm. P. Nichols,	9.30
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	\$61.53

No Appropriation.

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Repairs on Buildings,	\$284.27
Appropriation,	\$300.00
Expended,	284.27
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Unexpended,	\$ 15.73

SALT WATER POND IMPROVEMENT CO.

Salt Water Pond Improvement Company,	\$144.18
Appropriation,	\$200.00
Expended,	144.18
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Unexpended,	\$ 55.82

INSPECTORS OF CATTLE.

John A. Baker,	\$25.62
John Stetson, M. D.,	19.15
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	\$44.77

No Appropriation.

ROADS.

Paid T. D. Kenney,	\$17.95
“ Wm. F. Sears, per order T. D. Kenney,	5.77
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	\$ 23.72
“ Rinaldo Eldridge,	732.64
“ O. C. Baker,	2461.28
“ Ebenezer Weekes, 2d,	916.36
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	\$4134.00

LAND DAMAGES ON ROADS.

Newcomb's Road, Harwich Port,	\$37.00
Hotel Belmont Road, West Harwich,	37.00
Paid F. Ryder, land damage, North Harwich Road,	15.00
Oak Street, Harwich Centre,	5.00
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	\$94.00

No Appropriation.

SCHOOLS.

Paid on School Committee's orders,	\$6902.88
“ bills C. E. Brett, 1894,	95.53
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	\$6998.41
Less School Committee's Services (see account Town Officers and Committee's Report,) 229.00	<hr/>
	\$6769.41

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

G. N. Munsell, School Committee,	\$ 37.75
W. J. Nickerson, School Committee,	75.00
C. E. Brett, 1894-95, School Committee,	63.75
S. A. Hayward, School Committee,	52.50
Emulous Small, Auditor,	5.00
J. K. Robbins, Auditor,	5.00
Mark F. Nickerson, Constable,	18.25
Michael B. Chase, Constable,	4.00
A. N. Doane, Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor and Board of Health Officer,	275.00
W. B. Kelley, Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor and Board of Health Officer,	275.00
A. L. Jones, Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor and Board of Health Officer,	258.50
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Appropriation,	\$1069.75
	1000.00
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Exceeded Appropriation,	\$69.75

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for repairs on Hearse,	\$ 4.75
“ Chas. Bassett, for plans Wading Place Bridge, account 1893,	12.50
“ H. T. Crosby, cemetery and town bounds,	7.60
“ A. P. Goss, printing Town Reports, 1894,	90.00
“ A. P. Goss, advertising and printing,	68.75
“ for postage stamps and stationery,	8.54
“ travelling expenses of Selectmen on account of Paupers and Board of Health,	133.23
“ Louis Edmonds, on account of Paupers,	9.00
“ for recording plan Herring River Jetty,	1.67
“ H. P. Harriman, defending suit of Reliance Ellis, vs. Town of Harwich, 1894,	117.00
“ H. P. Harriman, legal advice to town, 1894,	12.00
“ for supplies furnished poor, refunded, (see Treasurer's report,)	4.03
“ G. N. Munsell, salary, medical attendance on paupers,	90.00
“ A. F. Sherman, Abstract of Deeds,	15.00
“ B. F. Bee, printing,	18.00
“ Frederic N. Wales, plan Herring River Jetty Extension,	10.00
“ W. H. Bassett, special police services,	5.00
“ for Tax and Record Books,	7.65
“ rent Exchange Hall, contract ending March, 1894,	135.00
“ Heirs' Gershom Hall, premium collecting taxes, 1893,	44.50
“ Seth Paine, special police services,	2.00
“ Wm. H. Bassett, special police services,	4.00
“ E. F. Kaley, special police services,	2.00
“ Everett L. Ellis, special police services,	2.00
“ bulletin board, Harwich Centre Post Office,	2.63
“ rent Social Hall, Special Town Meeting,	5.00
“ S. E. Hallett, one-fourth of bill on Wading Place Bridge, allowed but not presented in settlement with county,	10.13
“ Wm. M. Dunning, medical attendance, State Paupers, 1894,	27.00

Paid Levi Long, for services with hearse,	\$10.00
" B. S. Cahoon, for services with hearse,	1.25
" A. L. Jones, for services with hearse,	47.50
" H. P. Harriman, legal advice,	11.25
" Patrick Kelley, premium collecting balance G. Hall's taxes,	28.80

	\$947.78
Appropriation,	600.00

Exceeded Appropriation,	\$347.78

RECAPITULATION.

Almshouse Keeper's Salary,	\$ 250.00
Almshouse Supplies,	942.70
Poor outside Almshouse,	1587.24
Supported for State,	148.98
Supported for Other Towns,	205.76
Supported at Insane Asylums,	847.31
Salt Water Improvement Co.,	144.18
Inspectors of Cattle,	44.77
Repairs on Buildings,	284.27
Town Officers' Salaries,	1069.75
Election Officers,	30.00
Fire Wards and Fire,	61.53
Setting up and Removing Voting Booths,	4.75
Roads and Bridges,	4134.00
Land Damage,	94.00
Board of Health,	167.50
Registrars of Voters,	60.00
Schools, (see Committees' Report)	6914.41
Removing Culvert, R. Rogers' bridge,	65.00
New Culvert, North Harwich,	944.64
State Highway,	404.37
Suppression of Crime,	96.00
Memorial Day Observance,	50.00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	947.78

	\$19498.94

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH FOR
YEAR 1895.

Valuation of Real Estate, 1895,	\$860,220.00
“ “ “ 1894,	820,390.00
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Increase in 1895,	\$39,830.00

Personal Estate in 1894,	\$253,400.00
“ “ “ 1895,	248,550.00
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Decrease in 1895,	\$4,850.00

Total Valuation in 1895,	\$1,108,770.00
“ “ “ 1894,	1,073,790.00
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Increase in 1895,	\$34,980.00

Number of Polls,	729
“ “ Dwelling Houses,	840
“ “ Horses,	330
“ “ Cows,	164
Rate of Taxation on \$1000,	\$15.00
Acres of Land,	8670

Respectfully Submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,
WATSON B. KELLEY,
ASA L. JONES.

Selectmen of Harwich.

RESOURCES OF TOWN FOR 1896.

Cash in Treasury, Jan. 14, 1896,	\$ 696.85
Due from State, for State Aid for 1895,	1322.00
Due from State for Supt. of Schools,	650.00
Due from other towns for Support of Paupers,	354.74
Homestead at North Harwich,	50.00
Estate of Hezekiah Moody,	10.00
Estate Marshal Kelley,	10.00
Herring Brook,	500.00
Due for Taxes, West Section, 1894,	466.33
Due for Taxes, West Section, 1895,	4361.40
Due for Taxes, East Section, 1894,	124.80
Due for Taxes, East Section, 1895,	2246.81

	\$10792.93

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LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders,	\$ 46.32
Note at Cape Cod F. C. S. Bank,	2000.00
School bills unpaid,	50.00

Balance in favor of Town, Jan. 14, '96,	\$2096.32

	\$8696.61

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

The Selectmen hereby recommend the following appropriations for the year 1896 :

Support of Poor in Almshouse,	\$ 1300.00
Support of Poor Outside Almshouse,	1600.00
Support of Insane,	850.00
Board of Health,	200.00
Repairs on Buildings,	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	800.00
Town Officers,	1000.00
Suppression of Crime,	100.00
State Aid,	1300.00
Tax Abatements,	300.00
For Roads,	2000.00
Bridges,	300.00
Snow,	200.00

(Ten thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars) \$10250.00

The School Committee recommend the following appropriations for Schools, Books and Supplies, Superintendent's Salary, and for Repairs, Incidentals, etc., for 1896 :

For Schools,	\$5000.00
Books and Supplies,	400.00
Superintendent,	300.00
Repairs, Incidentals, etc.,	200.00

W. J. NICKERSON,
For the School Committee.

Harwich, Jan. 13, 1896.

WADING PLACE BRIDGE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1894.

Acts of 1894, Chap. 37, Sect. 1 and 2.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Relative to the Wading Place Bridge between the towns of Harwich and Chatham:

Section 1. The County Commissioners of the County of Barnstable are hereby authorized and empowered, subject to the provisions of Chap. 19 of the Public Statutes, to construct an earthwork structure in place of the present bridge across Wading Place Creek between said towns, and shall provide the same with such culverts or pipes as they judge to be ample for passage of water.

Section 2. The Commissioners of said County of Barnstable shall allow and order to be paid from the treasury of said county one-half of the entire cost of the construction of said bridge and the approaches and highways leading thereto, and one-half of said cost of construction of the said bridge and approaches and highways leading thereto shall be borne and paid by the towns of Harwich and Chatham, and the division or apportionment of expense between the said towns of Harwich and Chatham shall be made and determined by said County Commissioners.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved Feb. 16, 1894.

The County Commissioners' order for the construction of new bridge at the Wading Place, pursuant to Sects. 1 and 2, Chap. 37, Acts of 1894, was dated April 17, 1894, and the Selectmen of the towns of Harwich and Chatham were authorized to act for the county in constructing the bridge subject to plans of engineer for the county.

**EXTRACT FROM BARNSTABLE COUNTY REPORT OF 1894—
EXPENSE OF WADING PLACE BRIDGE.**

Bills paid by Town of Harwich on account of construction,	\$6311.75
Bills paid by Town of Chatham on account of construction,	5574.44
Bills paid by County of Barnstable on ac- count of construction,	129.63
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Total cost of Construction,	\$12015.82

Apportionment as ordered by County Commissioners, Dec. 14, 1894 :

County pays $\frac{1}{2}$ total expense under order,	\$6007.91
Town of Harwich pays $\frac{1}{4}$ total expense under order,	3003.95
Town of Chatham pays $\frac{1}{4}$ total expense under order,	3003.96
	———— \$12,015.82
Town of Harwich bills paid on account under order,	\$6311.75
Town of Harwich proportion of total expense,	3003.95
	———— \$3003.95
Town of Harwich, reimbursed by the County,	———— \$3307.80
Town of Chatham bills paid on account under order,	\$5574.44
Town of Chatham, proportion of total expense,	3003.96
	———— \$3003.96
Town of Chatham, reimbursed by the County,	———— \$2570.48
County of Barnstable bills paid on account under order,	\$ 129.63
County of Barnstable, reimbursed Town of Harwich,	3307.80
County of Barnstable, reimbursed Town of Chatham,	2570.48
	———— \$6007.91
	———— \$12,015.82

STATEMENT OF EXPENSE OF WADING PLACE BRIDGE, BUILT
1894.

Amount of bills, incurred previous to order of County Commissioners, dated April 17, 1894, not in settlement with County:

Paid J. H. Nickerson, for setting light to April 17, 1894,	\$28.20
" for taking down part of old bridge and building rolling bridge,	18.25
" Selectmen's travelling expenses attending hearings at Barnstable and Boston,	47.30
" for repairs on road north of bridge,	27.67
Balance in road bill,	1.83
	— — —
	\$123.25

Amount of bills incurred under order of County Commissioners, dated April 17, 1894, and allowed by County Commissioners at final settlement:

Paid Michael R. Culbert,	\$2400.00
" Thos. D. Kenney, labor account,	3191.84
" for stone, W. Rogers, J. Robbins and Z. Higgins,	11.00
" for clay, T. D. Kenney and I. L. Kendrick,	65.91
" A. P. Goss, advertising,	6.25
" H. Kelley & Co., lumber,	117.53
" J. H. Nickerson, sand,	25.00
" " " setting light,	6.00
" " " damage to meadow,	10.00
" A. D. Nickerson, engineer's services,	2.00
" Harwich Selectmen's services,	133.00
" A. H. Knowles, County Engineer,	335.03
" T. D. Kenney, settlement with county, Dec. 14,	2.00
" S. L. Moore, spikes, etc,	6.19
	— — —
	\$6311.75

SUMMARY.

Total amount of orders drawn by Treasurer of Town of Harwich on account of Wading Place Bridge,	\$4660.62
Town of Harwich's proportion of expense,	3003.95
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	\$1656.67

Cash paid Treasurer of Town of Harwich by County Commissioners,	1533.42
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Amount included in town orders drawn on account of Wading Place Bridge and not allowed by County Commissioners,	\$ 123.25
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Total amount of bills on Wading Place Bridge contracted by Town of Harwich and approved by County Commissioners :	\$6311.75
Apportionment for Town of Harwich,	3003.95
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Refunded by county,	\$3307.80

Amount of bills on account of Harwich, unpaid at settlement with county and paid by W. B. Kelley, Chairman of Selectmen, after settlement :	
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Paid W. B. Kelley, lumber for railing,	\$ 39.94
“ Selectmen's bills,	133.00
“ A. H. Knowles, County Engineer,	335.03
“ T. D. Kenney,	1225.41
“ J. H. Nickerson,	41.00
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“ J. H. Paine, Town Treasurer,	\$1774.38
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	1533.42
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	\$3307.80

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

No investment will pay larger dividends than money expended in good roads. It should not be expended in a haphazard way. Road making should be considered a trade, and the work should be entrusted only to men of business principles. It is an enterprise that should be conducted on business principles with the latest improved machinery for the most efficient work, and every one should deem it an honor to be able to do anything to improve the highways of his town.

Your Road Commissioners are well aware of the great cost to maintain good roads in this town, as our materials are limited. Our clay, when it gets mixed well with our sand, makes good summer roads, but very poor winter roads. There ought to be appointed by the town some one to look into and see what are the best materials and how to obtain them, cost, etc., and report at some future meeting.

It is the opinion of your Commissioners that our town is somewhat deficient in sidewalks. There seems to be a lack of enterprise by some of our citizens to build walks in comparison with other towns.

Our bridges, so far as known to your Road Commissioners, are in good condition at this time, except the bridge near Erastus Chase's. This bridge we inspected Nov. 23d and found it in rather poor condition; cap logs very much decayed; the old stringers very poor indeed, new plank having been put in a short time ago to support them. Concluded to spike 2-inch plank on the sides of cap logs, and by so doing strengthen them so that the bridge would be safe for a short time, or until such time as arrangements can be made for a new bridge.

Every effort has been made by us to manage the affairs of the town that we were responsible for, in a manner that would meet the approbation of all good citizens.

REPORT OF EBENEZER WEEKES, 2D., COMMISSIONER OF
EAST SECTION.

Paid for Material and Labor on Roads,	\$726.53
Repairs on Bridges,	24.76
Railing,	\$141.54
Less received for Old Railing,	.70

Clearing Snow,	140.84
	24.23

Whole Amount Expended,	\$916.36

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT, AS PER VOTE OF TOWN.

Paid William P. Rogers, for Labor,	\$22.44
Rufus P. Butler, "	1.53
James W. Cahoon, "	.23
James W. Cahoon, 271 Loads Loam at 2c.,	7.38
Melville Small, Labor,	12.76
Leonard Clark, "	.15
Joshua Cash, "	.15
Amiel Ellis, "	.45
Robert Morrell, "	.15
Benjamin H. Bassett, "	.15
Nathan B. Walker, "	.30
A. C. Taylor, "	3.75
W. F. Sears, "	7.80
W. F. Sears, Material for Fence,	50.58
W. F. Sears, Drain Pipe,	10.88
W. F. Sears, Cement,	4.48
W. F. Sears, Picks,	2.00
Alonzo Kendrick, Labor,	41.55
Samuel Small, "	36.90
Ebenezer Weekes, "	27.30
Jessie L. Tuttle, "	22.37
Alpheus Tuttle, "	9.66
Elkanah B. Long, "	14.85
Wilfred A. Nickerson, Labor,	22.65
Watson N. Small, 52 loads Loam,	1.04
Seabury Eldredge, 103 loads Loam,	2.06
Watson B. Kelley, Drain Pipe,	7.70

Paid Rinaldo Eldredge,	Labor,	\$ 7.75
Benj. F. Eldredge,	"	11.10
David A. Eldredge,	"	3.00
Elijah L. Stokes,	"	9.98
George L. Sparrow,	"	5.40
William A. Eldredge,	"	11.48
William A. Eldredge,	Paint,	1.41
Hiram L. Crowell,	Labor,	1.00
George Taylor,	"	1.75
Timothy Davis,	"	3.30
Moses Handren,	"	7.20
George B. Mecarta,	"	7.35
Everett Bassett,	"	7.48
Everett Bassett, 374 loads Clay,		11.22
Eben T. Eldredge, Labor,		1.65
Ambrose Freeman, 374 loads Clay,		11.22
Ambrose Freeman, 58 loads Loam,		1.16
Seth Ellis, 48 loads Loam,		.96
Samuel T. Nickerson, Labor,		1.43
Nathan E. Nickerson,	"	3.75
Frank Emery,	"	2.18
Winthrop Small,	"	.60
Eldredge Small,	"	.60
Charles S. Small,	"	1.43
Abijah C. Long,	"	2.25
Elisha Doane,	"	.75
Albert Crowell,	"	2.85
Mrs. Rebecca Nickerson, 7 loads Loam,		.14
F. O. Nickerson, 8 loads Clay,		.24
Z. H. Ellis, Labor,		9.83
Everett H. Doane,	"	4.65
Joshua Kendrick,	"	6.08
Joseph Nickerson,	"	4.35
James W. Jerauld,	"	.82
Mrs. Moses Nickerson, 83 loads Loam,		1.66
J. Fletcher Doane, amount due Chatham for repairs on Red River Bridge,		7.23
Warren J. Nickerson, Posts,		5.32
Sears L. Moore, Nails,		1.24
Thomas K. Nickerson, Labor,		30.50

Paid Ephraim Bassett,	Labor,	\$ 1.20
Edgar A. Nickerson,	"	2.33
Nathaniel A. Cahoon,	"	2.33
Joel B. Nickerson,	"	1.09
George H. Eldredge,	"	1.09
Albert Burgess,	"	.38
Ernest L. Nickerson,	"	1.09
Nathan Walker,	"	.60
Simeon Z. Walker,	"	.45
Zeddie Nickerson,	"	.45
Joseph M. Walker,	"	2.56
Freeman H. Rogers,	"	1.13
Ray W. Rogers,	"	1.20
James S. Chase,	"	5.85
John Holmes,	"	5.18
Bennett B. Nickerson,	"	.15
Anthony S. Crowell,	"	.08
Lawrence Rogers,	"	.45
T. Carrol Nickerson,	"	.45
Frederic Nickerson,	"	.45
Frank M. Eldredge,	"	.45
Irving Eldredge,	"	.68
Harry M. Young,	"	.30
Martin L. Robbins,	"	10.35
Ensign L. Jerauld,	"	1.13
George A. Kendrick,	"	.23
Sherman Cahoon,	"	.15
Bert Kendrick,	"	.15
W. M. Kendrick,	"	.45
Isaac Kendrick,	"	9.75
Thomas Kendrick,	"	.23
Arthur N. Kenney,	"	.60
William H. Doane,	"	51.84
William H. Doane, Posts,		4.90
William H. Doane, 62 loads Loam,		1.24
Alonzo F. Nickerson, Labor,		8.85
Otis C. Nickerson,	"	5.10
Elmer Kendrick,	"	1.13
Hiram E. Nickerson,	"	6.38
Jabez Crowell,	"	9.89

Paid Jabez Crowell, 594 loads Clay,	\$ 11.82
Jabez Crowell, 63 loads Loam,	1.26
E. G. Jerauld, Labor,	2.10
Ziba Cahoon, "	4.65
Ebenezer Weekes, 2d,	250.55

	\$916.36

**REPORT OF RINALDO ELDRIDGE, ROAD COMMISSIONER FOR
MIDDLE SECTION.**

Paid, Claying Grading and General Repairs on Roads:

R. Eldridge,	\$64.94
Man and horses,	36.60
Road Machine,	18.20
E. A. Cahoon and horse,	25.65
Ezra Eldridge and horse,	14.55
E. L. Ellis and horse,	4.05
N. B. Walker,	.75
A. F. Howes,	5.92
B. Frank Eldridge and horse,	11.00
B. F. Eldridge and horses,	78.67
G. B. Taylor,	2.48
H. C. Phillips,	3.00
W. C. Ellis,	3.00
W. H. Ellis,	4.50
E. Nickerson,	.30
G. B. Mecarta and horse,	12.90
U. D. Phillips and horses,	43.35
N. E. Nickerson and horse,	7.65
F. E. Ellis " "	12.90
G. W. Ellis " "	9.00
A. S. Chase " "	6.90
A. B. Chase " "	6.00
W. E. Nickerson " "	7.50
J. Drum " "	5.70
O. E. Nickerson " "	8.10
D. A. Eldridge " "	13.95
J. Nickerson " "	11.25

W. R. Burgess and horse,	\$11.10
Eldridge & Phillips, man and horses,	8.78
J. Doane and horse,	3.30
J. Burgess and horse,	2.25
H. B. Snow,	16.05
S. Smith,	3.00
J. L. Crabe,	2.25
J. Baker,	8.70
T. Bassett,	7.20
J. H. Taylor,	4.35
V. D. Bassett,	3.00
D. B. Thomas,	8.70
W. E. Nickerson, Jr.,	1.50
W. Wentzel,	3.00
E. Kendrick,	2.85
E. A. Bearse,	1.50
A. Nickerson,	.67
O. F. Chase,	1.05
V. B. Chase,	.95
B. Handren,	.67
R. F. Moody,	1.42
P. H. Cahoon,	4.20
E. B. Allen,	.50
J. E. Berry,	1.12
E. Rogers,	1.13

	\$518.05

Expenses on Oak Street:

Paid B. Bassett for moving building from Oak Street,	\$23.00
For stock and repairs,	3.50

	\$26.50

As per vote of the town on petition of J. Newcomb and others, no money appropriated, but left with the Selectmen and Road Commissioners to expend what they think is needed for the work.

Paid for laying out, taking out trees, and working said road:

R. Eldridge and horse,	\$12.20
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Amount brought forward,	\$544.55
A. L. Weekes,	\$ 6.00
J. Bulman,	2.10
Machine,	2.00
Ezekiel Nickerson,	1.73
H. C. Phillips,	1.80
B. F. Eldridge, Jr., and horses,	10.50
H. B. Snow,	4.50
Byron Small,	1.27
	<hr/> \$ 42.10

Paid on Railings and Spouts, for Stock and Labor:

R. Eldredge and horse,	\$ 7.17
W. B. Kelley,	13.13
W. H. Underwood,	7.00
Ezra Eldridge,	1.35
John P. Eldredge,	1.35
G. W. Ellis,	.53
J. Walker,	.30
B. D. Crosby,	.30
James Nickerson,	.60
	<hr/> \$ 31.73

Paid for Clay and Loam:

James Nickerson, 173 loads of clay at 3 cts.,	\$ 5.19
B. H. Eldridge, 285 loads of clay at 3 cts.,	8.55
Est. T. Burgess, 271 loads of clay at 3 cts.,	8.13
H. C. Phillips, 53 loads of loam at 2 cts.,	1.06
	<hr/> \$ 22.93

E. Small and others gave in some loam and clay.

Paid on Bridges and Culverts, for Stock and Labor:

Charles D. Chase,	\$.75
G. B. Taylor,	1.12
W. B. Kelley,	25.98
E. B. Allen and others,	17.30
Eldridge & Phillips,	.75
Coleman Kelley,	11.75
R. Eldredge,	6.20

Amount brought forward,	\$641.31
R. Eldridge, horse,	\$ 2.55
C. E. Hamer & Co.,	.83
James Nickerson,	3.55
	—————
	\$70.78
Cash received from P. Kelley for old plank,	.25
	————— \$ 70.53

Paid for Clearing Snow from Sidewalks:

N. B. Walker and horse,	\$4.35
A. S. Chase " "	2.70
C. H. Taylor " "	2.25
H. Nickerson,	.60
	————— \$ 9.90

Paid for Clearing Snow on Roads:

B. H. Eldridge and horses,	\$1.80
L. Ellis,	.60
B. Doane,	.60
L. Doane,	.60
E. Rogers,	.60
E. A. Cahoon,	1.20
J. B. Atkins,	.90
H. R. Cahoon,	.60
J. Clark,	.45
J. F. Cahoon,	.45
J. Crowell,	.45
E. Smith,	.45
G. W. Ellis,	.75
A. F. Howes,	1.05
R. Eldridge,	.40
	————— \$ 10.90

Whole amount for Roads, New Road, Snow, Railings, Spouts, Bridges, Clay and Loam, \$732.64

REPORT O. C. BAKER, ROAD COMMISSIONER, WEST SECTION.

Filling in Lower Bridge:

Simon Kendrick,	\$ 2.25
Frederic W. Chase,	3.45
Albert Hall,	2.63
Ralph Cummings,	5.75
Edwin Snow,	1.28
James H. Eldredge,	3.90
Manuel Spindle,	13.68
Willis Nickerson,	26.35
Seth F. Wixon,	25.08
Cornelius Haley,	13.68
Judson B. Chase,	11.87
Isaiah D. Ellis,	20.58
J. Bert Baker,	10.08
Brown Simmons,	16.68
Edgar W. Chase,	16.65
Zebina Howland,	16.68
Andrew K. Chase,	14.27
George F. Ellis,	19.53
T. Wellington Bearse,	10.68
James R. Lothrop,	25.68
John E. Ellis,	17.03
Robert W. Chase,	19.58
O. C. Baker,	42.40
O. C. Baker, team,	12.00
Freeman D. Ellis,	2.40
John Nickerson,	.60
Wm. P. Baker,	9.90
E. Berry,	.45
Benj. Ellis,	1.50
Scott Chase,	.75
Coleman Kelley,	12.50
Frederic W. Chase, spiles,	14.00
W. P. Baker, carting spiles,	1.00
	—————
	\$419.86
Less estate H. Nickerson, sand,	25.00
	—————
	\$394.86

W. B. Kelley, lumber,	\$153.90
B. F. Eldredge, carting,	15.75
R. R. sleepers,	6.00
W. W. Cole, iron work,	16.38
Est. H. Nickerson, sand,	25.00
	—
	\$611.89

Filling in North Harwich Road:

E. B. Rogers,	\$60.98
Richard Rogers,	14.70
O. C. Baker,	46.15
O. C. Baker, teams,	53.10
Frederic W. Chase,	30.75
Albert Hall,	28.95
Zebina Howland,	18.30
George F. Ellis,	1.35
George Cummings,	5.40
Benj. W. Rogers,	13.35
Joseph Snow,	9.00
John K. Nickerson,	13.20
Ross G. Chase,	7.20
Salathiel Hall,	7.20
Anthony H. Ryder,	7.20
Eldoros Cahoon,	7.20
Frank P. Hall,	11.70
Arthur Rogers,	.45
Joseph B. Rogers,	7.20
John E. Ryder,	7.20
Edwin F. Ryder,	1.20
Marshall E. Chase,	5.85
Rufus Gray,	8.63
Sylvanus Chase,	5.48
E. A. Studley,	1.20
Edward Baker,	3.60
Leonard Studley,	3.60
Richard L. Baker,	4.80
Chester Cahoon,	4.80
Luther Chase,	2.40
Everett Cahoon,	1.20

Nathan B. Smith,	\$ 1.20
Roland Smith,	4.28
John Hall, 2d,	8.40
Allston D. Rogers,	3.60
Richard E. Gray,	12.30
Albert Parker,	3.38
Shattuck Kelley,	6.72
Roland Smith,	6.72
Richard L. Baker,	6.72
Shattuck Kelley, building steps, etc.,	10.00
Benj. Hall, sods,	2.00
Freeman Ryder, clay,	27.55
Richard Rogers, "	13.59
Joseph Raymond, "	2.25
Joshua Ryder, "	3.25
	— —
	\$505.30
Railing, drain pipe, spouts, etc.,	40.75
	— —
	\$546.05

Bell's Neck Bridges and Crossings:

Frederick W. Chase,	\$11.15
Frederick W. Chase, Cedar Posts,	8.00
Alex. F. Snow,	2.10
Elmer E. Robbins,	6.90
Nathan B. Smith,	8.85
Everett Baker,	3.75
Joseph Ashley,	3.30
Seth F. Wixon,	4.50
Jas. H. Eldredge,	7.50
Wm. R. Almy,	3.45
Geo. A. Hentz, Jr.,	1.05
O. C. Baker,	18.00
O. C. Baker, Teams,	22.25
Robert W. Chase,	.75
W. P. Baker,	2.25
Geo. Cummings,	2.70
Coleman Kelley,	2.75

Ralph Cummings,	\$ 2.80
W. W. Chase,	.30

	\$112.35
W. B. Kelley, Lumber,	131.39

	\$243.74

Erastus Chase Bridge:

Wm. W. Chase,	\$ 6.97
Frederick W. Chase,	4.50
George F. Ellis,	.30
O. C. Baker,	7.00
O. C. Baker, teams,	1.50
Zebina Howland,	1.50
Willis Nickerson,	2.10
Martin L. Chase,	1.05
Nathan B. Smith,	.30
Seth F. Wixon,	1.05
Amos F. Wixon,	1.20
George Cummings,	1.05
Freeman E. Chase,	.15
Gilson Chase,	.15

	\$28.82
W. B. Kelley, lumber,	74.71
W. B. Kelley, "	7.86

	\$111.39

Roads:

Frederick W. Chase,	\$15.30
Thomas L. Snow,	14.63
Everett Baker,	3.45
Seth F. Wixon,	11.10
James H. Eldridge,	16.28
George Cummings,	14.63
James Cummings,	12.53
John W. Nickerson,	15.83
Freeman E. Chase,	2.10

Richard Baker,	\$ 9.60
Michael B. Chase,	2.10
Thomas W. Snow,	1.05
Brown Simmons,	.45
Timothy Mulchay,	24.45
Charles T. Chase,	10.50
Edgar W. Chase,	5.70
Benj. Sears,	3.15
Cyrus W. Chase,	12.60
Nehemiah W. Chase,	1.73
James Lothrop,	6.60
Zebina Howland,	11.85
Davis Lothrop,	14.25
Henry A. Phillips,	3.94
P. Kelley,	16.37
Gershom Hall,	2.55
Charles M. Nickerson,	.60
Phillip Goomes,	1.35
Edwin B. Rogers,	26.70
Richard W. Rogers,	19.50
Benj. Rogers,	2.85
O. C. Baker,	76.00
O. C. Baker, teams,	49.30
Joseph B. Rogers,	6.30
J. P. McKinley,	6.75
George F. Ellis,	21.16
W. P. Baker,	80.98
Nathan B. Smith,	6.53
Joseph A. Snow,	1.42
Albert Parker,	.68
Charles H. Taylor,	2.25
Ross G. Chase,	8.85
Chester Cahoon,	11.25
Elijah Doane,	6.00
A. Frank Wixon,	6.00
Freeman D. Ellis,	5.10
Charles D. Hall,	8.70
Smith Nickerson,	6.75
Frank Walker,	1.50
John K. Nickerson,	8.47
Elmer E. Robbins,	20.40

Charles W. Chase,	\$ 3.00
H. C. Robbins,	5.25
Theodore Ellis,	8.10
Clarence Philips,	8.10
Joseph Allen Baker,	13.95
Edwin Berry,	7.50
Ossie Cobb,	5.25
Frederick Cobb,	2.10
Albert Hall,	6.98
David McPhee,	3.00
J. C. Chase,	7.50
Martin L. Chase,	4.35
H. C. Berry,	7.50
Richard Grey,	2.25
C. H. Kelley,	8.55
Eben Phillips,	2.25
Marshall E. Chase,	8.10
Emulous Hall,	6.00
John Hall, 2d,	4.50
Richard L. Baker,	8.40
Eldoros Cahoon,	8.40
Luther Chase,	6.00
Anthony Ryder,	10.50
Bert Sears,	.75
John Ryder,	2.55
Charles Hall,	4.28
Frank Hall,	1.50
Edward C. Baker,	1.50
Benj. Hall,	1.50
Joshua Ryder,	1.50
Erastus Chase,	4.95
Lorenzo D. Cahoon,	3.60
James Rogers,	2.40
James K. Nickerson,	3.30
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	\$793.49

Surveying and Laying out Roads:

A. F. Weekes,	\$10.00
O. C. Baker,	8.50
	—
	\$18.50

Great Western Road, Railing, etc.:

Patrick Kelley,	\$ 7.38
Smith Nickerson,	6.70
Charles D. Hall,	4.50
Wm. Crapo,	.72
	—————
	\$19.30
Materials,	7.99
	—————
	\$27.29

Annis Bridge and Crossing:

John W. Nickerson,	\$4.65
Richard Baker,	4.05
Timothy Mulchay,	5.55
John P. Nickerson,	1.35
Edgar Chase,	1.35
Elijah Doane,	1.35
James Lothrop,	1.35
Alonzo F. Chase,	.60
Davis Lothrop,	3.75
O. C. Baker,	1.05
	—————
	\$25.05

Clay, etc.:

740 loads from George H. Snow,	5 cts.,	\$37.00
278 " " Joshua Ryder,	"	13.90
40 " " Wm. H. Underwood,	"	2.00
106 " " L. D. Cahoon,	3 cts.,	3.18
41 " " Charles D. Hall,	5 cts.,	2.05
100 " " Mrs. R. Joslin,	3 cts.,	3.00
74 " " " " "	"	2.22
72 " " J. W. Nickerson,	"	2.16
	—————	
		\$65.51

Snow, etc.:

Nathan B. Smith,	\$.50
Zebina Howland,	.30
George F. Ellis,	.30
Ralph Cummings,	.45
Seth F. Wixon,	.30
Abraham Baker,	.30
Samuel Francis,	.30
Robert Chase,	.15
James C. Chase,	.45
Clarence L. Phillips,	.38
George O'Brien,	.38
Thomas L. Snow,	.45
O. C. Baker,	.80
Michael B. Chase,	.90
Andrew K. Chase,	.83
Wm. E. Chase,	.23
Davis Lothrop,	1.13
Willis Nickerson,	.30
Alonzo F. Chase,	1.05
Richard Baker,	.23
Thomas W. Snow,	.53
Charles T. Chase,	.23
Edgar Chase,	.83
J. P. McKinley,	.60
Benj. Sears,	1.80
Edwin B. Rogers,	.52
Roland B. Smith,	.52
Richard Gray,	.52
Edwin A. Studley,	.52
Edwin L. Chase,	.52
Allen B. Rogers,	.30
Richard W. Rogers,	.90
P. Kelley,	.45
Robert B. Kelley,	.60
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	\$18.37

SUMMARY.

Amount expended for Roads,	\$3228.31
Appropriated for Roads,	2500.00
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Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 728.31
Appropriated for Bridges,	\$1000.00
Amount expended,	818.57
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Less Appropriation,	\$ 181.43
Appropriated for Snow,	\$100.00
Expended,	63.40
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Less Appropriation,	\$ 36.60
Whole amount expended,	\$4110.28
Whole amount appropriated,	3600.00
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Exceeded Appropriation,	\$ 510.28

RINALDO ELDRIDGE,
OZIAS C. BAKER,
EBENEZER WEEKES, 2D,

Road Commissioners of Harwich.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSHUA H. PAINE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
HARWICH. DR.

Cash in Treasurer's hands at settlement, Jan. 12, 1895,	\$1237.25
Received Dog Fund from County, 1894,	176.92
Received from :	
State Treasurer, School Fund,	245.05
Town of Dennis, on Pauper account,	21.50
" " Wareham, on Pauper account,	104.00
" " Brewster, on Pauper account,	50.50
City of New Bedford,	32.00
Town of Sandwich, (on account of Arthur Pierce, \$49.60 ; Delila Pierce, \$11.50,)	61.10
City of Boston, Pauper account,	47.50
Town of Brewster, Tuition paid for High School,	180.00
State Lunatic Pauper account,	42.71
On Notes at the Cape Cod National Bank, (\$2000, \$1500, \$1000),	4500.00
Auctioneers' Licenses,	4.00
Z. H. Ellis, on account of Homestead Eliza J. Nickerson,	17.00
Ida Walker, for old bureau,	1.00
Billiard table Licenses, (A. Woodhouse, \$2.00 ; A. Howes, \$2.00 ; A. O. Eldredge, \$2.00,)	6.00
State, on Pauper account,	140.35
Pliny Doane's Pension,	123.00
Freeman Ryder, for Herring Brook,	500.00
Cape Cod National Bank Tax,	5625.00
Mrs. Glinden's Estate,	114.61
Dist. Court, on account of Fines,	16.73
Rebate on Superintendent of Schools for 1894,	550.00
Town of Weymouth, on Pauper account,	13.00
Licenses for Merry-go-rounds,	15.00
Ozias C. Baker, from sale of Old Plank,	17.65
Chatham, on account of Ellery Crowell's widow,	8.00
State, Corporation Tax,	1293.42
State, National Bank Tax,	392.72

Received from :

State Aid for Soldiers, 1894,	\$ 1276.00
Tax on Foreign Ships,	33.68
State, for burial of Jacob Still, 1894,	35.00
Town of Brewster, on account of Phebe Nickerson,	52.00
Mary Snow, refunded,	4.00
The Brooks' Fund for Medals,	33.50
The County Dog Fund, 1895,	187.00
O. C. Baker, refunded,	3.16
Washburn's Circus, License,	5.00
Rinaldo Eldridge, from sale of Old Plank,	2.22
Patrick Kelley, Collector on account of late Gershom Hall, Collector of taxes, East Section, 1893,	86.00
Patrick Kelley, Collector of Taxes, West Section, 1893,	381.00
Ezra Eldridge, Collector of Taxes, 1894, East Section,	1631.45
Patrick Kelley, Collector of Taxes, 1894, West Section,	3987.00
Ezra Eldridge, Collector of Taxes, 1895, East Section,	4635.25
Patrick Kelley, Collector of Taxes, 1895, West Section,	5100.00

	\$32988.27

J. H. PAINE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HARWICH.

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Paid Outstanding Orders of 1894,	\$ 13.45
“ Town Orders for 1895,	19451.60
“ State Aid Orders for 1895,	1322.00
“ Postage, Stationery, etc.,	11.02
“ Express and Horse hire,	10.10
“ District Court Fees to Officers, by order of the Judge,	165.18

Paid Settling with Treasurer, 1894,	\$ 12.00
“ Physicians, Returns of Births,	8.50
“ Levi Long, Return of Deaths,	2.00
“ B. F. Bee, Printing Town Ballots,	7.50
“ “ “ “ Dog Licenses,	1.00
“ Justice Fees, administering oaths, etc.,	.90
“ Interest on Town Notes,	229.17
“ Cape Cod National Bank Tax 1895 to State,	4275.00
“ State Tax,	750.00
“ County Tax,	1259.18
“ Notes at Cape Cod National Bank, (\$1500, \$2000, \$1000,)	4500.00
“ License on Insurance Policy,	.50
“ Town Clerk for special services on election day and preparing tally sheets,	5.00
“ A. F. Sherman for Recording License,	1.67
“ Samuel Long, for Repairs on Ballot Box,	1.00
“ Treasurer’s Salary,	200.00
“ Recording 46 Births,	23.00
“ “ 53 Deaths,	16.55
“ “ 34 Marriages,	5.10
“ School Committee from State School Fund,	20.00
Cash Balance in Treasurer’s hands at settlement,	696.85
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	\$32988.27

Respectfully Submitted,
JOSHUA H. PAIN, TREASURER.

We, the committee chosen to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Harwich for the year ending Jan. 14, 1896, have attended to our duty, and find them substantially correct.

JOSEPH K. ROBBINS,
EMULOUS SMALL,
AMBROSE N. DOANE,

Committee.

Harwich, Jan. 14, 1896.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the books, bills and vouchers of all the officers and committees of the Town of Harwich entrusted with the receipt, expenditure and custody of money (with the exception of the School Committee) for the year ending Jan. 14, 1896, and find them substantially correct. The Treasurer of the School Committee was notified to meet the Auditors with the original bills and vouchers as required by law, but failed to appear.

J. K. ROBBINS,
EMULOUS SMALL,

Auditors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN THE YEAR 1895.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan 31	Abbott Washburn,	Brown and Cather Simmons.
Feb. 1	Fred Raymond,	Joseph L. and Adelia M. Crabe.
" 3	Paul,	W. O. and Abbie N. Cartwright.
" 6	Edwin Atkins,	Moses E. and Alice M. Small.
" 17	Herbert Clarkson,	Clarkson P. and Annie M. Bearse.
Mar. 8	Mary,	Frank and Mary Nunis.
" 16	Phillip Hathaway,	Sidney A. and Orinda J. Chase.
" 17	Everett Wilson,	Edwin and Hattie W. Jenkins.
" 19	Thomas Rich,	Thomas R. and Emma W. Kelley.
" 23	Son, died unnamed	Gideon and Katrinna Rosa.
" 30	Barnabas Linwood,	Chas. H. 2d and Fañnie M Taylor
Apr. 4	Benjamin Herbert,	Charles H. and Phebe L. Taylor
" 17	Willis Colburn,	Willis C. and Lena S. Newcomb
" 19	George Francis,	David W. and Florine F. Bearse.
" 27	George Wallace,	W. B. and Elizabeth J. Taylor.
May 12	Alicia Mortimer,	C. L. and Margaret F. Phillips.
" 27	Christopher Henry	Rufus H. and Eliza M. Eldridge
June 21	Syble Amscliffe,	Ernest L. and Ruth H. Nickerson
" 23	Emily,	John and Domingo Sylva.
" 23	George,	" " " "
" 25	Salome Louise,	Nathan B. and Salome A. Walker
" 30	Son, stillborn,	Alliston D. and Laura A. Rogers
July 2	Ralph Waldo,	Ralph W. and Belle O. Doane.
" 3	Hazel Byron,	Osmyn and Lillian M. Berry.
" 22	Edmund Crosby,	Edmund C. and Rebecca A. Lee.
Aug 17	Ray Leon,	Fred H. and Bertha E. Chase.
Sept. 2	Julia Mildred,	Walter S. and Flora G. Cahoon.
" 15	Harry Louis,	William E. and Carrie E. Dixon.
" 18	Laura Lovella,	Joseph E. and Sarah C. Berry.
" 27	Christina,	Chas. M. and Hattie B Nickerson
" 30	Son, died unnamed	Winfred C. and Inez W Higgins.
Oct. 19	Daughter,	Manuel and Annie Rosa.
" 20	Ernest Francis,	John B. and Mercy A. Gage.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN THE YEAR 1895.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Oct 22	Manuel,	Dandee and Cando DeCruis.
" 24	Rachel,	Arthur F. and Emma C. Phillips
Nov. 1	Mary,	Joseph and Julian Gonsalves.
" 8	Son,	William W. and Ruthie S. Cook.
" 15	Son,	Arthur N. and Emma D. Kenney
" 24	Son,	Thacher and Sarah Ellis.
" 26	Son,	D. M. Jr and Emeline Nickerson
" 27	Son,	Chas. E. and Sheba S. Robbins.
Dec 17	Albert Edward,	Joseph G. and Mary A. Chase.
" 21	Viola May,	Fred E. and Mary E. Small.
" 22	Orzelle Franklin,	Osborn F. and Julia A. Chase.
" 25	Son,	Geo. H. and Delilah B. O'Brien.
" 28	Oscar Warren,	Chas. A. and Geneva A Eldredge

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1895.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH.
Jan. 3	Charles C. Allen, Maria S. Kelley,	29 31	Harwich. Dennis.
" 8	Ebenezer Weekes, 2d, Alabama F. Nickerson,	41 37	Harwich. "
" 10	Robert F. Pierce, Minnie A. Bearse,	28 24	Harwich. Chatham.
" 16	William Barlow, Angeline Argust,	31 18	Harwich. "
Feb. 7	Nathaniel S. Hawes, Thankful D. Hopkins,	67 64	Chatham. Harwich.
Mch. 10	William H. Fratus, Mary F. Allen,	24 19	Boston. Harwich.
" 20	Heman E. Burgess, Mary A. Dean,	37 34	Harwich. Dennis.
" 20	Joseph Gonsalves, Julia A. Pena,	34 22	Harwich. "
April 4	Everett Sears, Lillian D. Chase,	22 21	Brewster. Dennis.
" 12	William W. Cook, Ruthie S. Smith,	41 36	Harwich. "
" 30	Watson B. Kelley, Eunice B. Small,	70 54	Harwich. "
May 23	Everett T. Cahoon, Eva M. Parker,	19 18	Dennis. Harwich.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1895.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH.
May 25	John Gonsalves, Mary Corea,	21 20	Harwich. “
“ 30	Tiofilo Monteiro, Minnie Corrieo,	24 16	Harwich. “
June 5	W. Meddaugh Dunning, Nellie P. Doane,	26 26	New York. Harwich.
“ 6	Lawrence M. Rogers, Mary B. Crowell,	24 23	Harwich. “
“ 9	Ulysses G. Hinckley, Eva B. Chase,	28 22	Barnstable. Harwich.
“ 12	Joseph B. Atkins, Alseno A. Kelsey,	22 22	Harwich. Whiting, Vt.
“ 25	Henry E. Wixon, Ada E. Doane,	25 20	Dennis. Harwich.
July 2	Leonard D. Puffer, Julia Adelaide Baker,	22 22	Brockton. Harwich.
“ 3	Joseph A. Burprie, Mary E. Smalley,	43 33	Lynn. Harwich.
“ 7	Theophilus B. Baker, Jr Rhoda D. Baker,	34 26	Harwich. “
Aug. 10	Manuel Gomes, Philemenia Pena,	23 18	Harwich. “
“ 28	Henry H. Harriman, Ella K. Crowell,	25 26	Dartmouth. Harwich.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1895.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH.
Sept. 1	Herbert W. Bassett, Lettie J. Eldredge,	21 21	Harwich. “
“ 17	Charles M. Charnley, Ellen M. Averill,	49 36	Chicago, Ill. Brooklyn, N. Y.
“ 22	Josiah S. Chase, Emmie F. Chase,	29 22	Harwich. Dennis.
“ 30	Robert L. Barrett, Annie E. Jenkins,	28 27	Boston. Harwich.
Oct. 26	John Perez, Domingo Pena,	18 22	Harwich. “
Nov. 6	Manuel S. Veiga, Meanna Coreia,	21 25	Harwich. “
“ 10	Benj. B. Phillips, Bertha L. Wixon,	26 23	Harwich. Dennis.
“ 27	George T. Sisson, Daisy B. Nickerson,	24 22	Harwich. “
Dec. 24	Reuben D. Kendrick, Eliza A. Nickerson,	23 21	Chatham. Harwich.
“ 31	Gregrey Montrio, Constancia DeBars,	30 23	Harwich. “

DEATHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1895

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			Y	M	D
Jan. 7	Julia A. Nickerson,	Spasms of Heart,	72	11	7
" 7	Olive B. Lincoln,	Cancer of Liver,	76	2	23
" 7	Cynthia D. Downey,	La Grippe,	64	11	6
" 11	Tabatha Snow,	Brain Fever,	82	1	22
" 31	Lorenzo Kelley,	Heart Disease,	75		22
Feb. 8	Sarah A. Chase,	Gall Stones,	69		
" 11	Orzelia Hall,	Disease of Spine,	80	10	2
" 12	Mulford Young,	Paralysis,	73	5	9
" 19	Ellen Smith,	Gangrene,	59	10	5
" 21	Henry B. McLean,	Suicide by Shooting,	20		
" 22	Irving C. Baker,	Lumbar Tuberculosis	7	10	24
" 24	Susan E. Long,	Acute Meningitis,	40	2	29
Mch. 2	Aseneth Freeman,	Heart Disease,	75	8	19
" 3	Elisha Doane,	Marasmus,	93	11	1
" 5	Sally J. Bearse,	Asthma,	62	3	20
" 5	Chas. Nye Raymond,	Hydrocephalus,		11	26
" 16	Franklin P. Chase,	Disease of Heart,	53	6	4
" 20	Sewall F. Snow,	Pneumonia,	77	2	19
" 24	Nathan F. Smalley,	Suicide by Hanging,	56	6	
" 25	(Unnamed) Rosa,	Convulsions,			2
" 27	Isabel K. Hoyt,	Cancer of Stomach,	66	10	20
" 28	Francis D. Weekes,	Gastritis Acuta,	62	10	20
Apr. 2	Emily Doane,	Cancer of Uterus,	61	7	24
" 22	Nathaniel F. Ellis,	Nephritis,		9	5 13
" 24	Daniel Doane,	Consumption,	74	3	19
" 25	Samuel Phillips,	Appendicitis,	59	8	21
" 26	Everett W Jenkins,	Inanition,			1 19
May 6	Alice Glendon,	Endocarditis,	57		
" 6	Emma M. Kendrick,	Congestion of Lungs,		7	1
" 26	Ellen F. Kelley,	Nervous Exhaustion,	42		
" 27	Loda Lopes,	Disease of bowels,		2	
" 28	Nathaniel Doane,	Congestion of Liver,	79	5	28
June 6	Maria M. Woodward	Bright's Disease,	67		
July 5	John Wilkins Carter,	Accidental Drowning	52		5
" 16	Syble A. Nickerson,	Whooping Cough,			26

DEATHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1895.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			Y	M	D
July 22	Levi Edrick Snow,	Paresis,	71	1	24
Aug. 29	Jonathan Buck,	Cerebral Apoplexy,	66	7	7
Sept. 17	William E. Chase,	Albuminuria,	15	10	20
" 24	Phillip N. Small,	Vital Degeneration,	82	7	17
Oct. 3	(Unnamed) Higgins,	Spina Bifida,			3
" 13	Caroline Eldredge,	Dropsy,	70	2	28
" 18	Emily Sylva,	Cholera Infantum,		4	
" 18	George Sylva,	Cholera Infantum,		4	
" 18	Watson N. Small,	Accidental Drowning	59		14
" 23	Lillian M. Berry,	Inflammation Bowels,	3	3	20
Nov. 5	Emily F. Chase,	Carcinoma Mammaria,	81	11	22
" 7	Harrison Nickerson,	Old Age.	81		
" 10	Thomas Ellis,	Dementia Senilis,	85	5	10
" 19	Marianna B. Peters,	Consumption,	52	10	24
" 28	Mary Fernande,	Acute Meningitis,	1	3	
Dec. 2	Ruth Chase,	Vital Degeneration,	77	10	16
" 17	Everett L. Crowell,	Suicide by Shooting,	23	6	6
" 26	Betsey K. Cook,	Paralysis,	85	3	26

REMARKS.

The number of births entered upon record the past year is forty-six, against forty-eight of the year previous. Thirty-one of the total number recorded are males and fifteen are females. As a comparatively large number of births are given in the foregoing list that do not bear the Christian name, the Clerk would still urge parents to be more particular in having their children named previous to the beginning of the new year, in order to make the record complete, and to guard against the trouble that might arise in the future when the records are examined for important data.

Thirty-four marriages have been recorded the past year, two in excess of last year. The marriage rites were performed by the following named Clergymen and Justices of the Peace. The number married by each is as follows: Rev. Mr. Cutting, 6; Rev. Mr. Cook, 4; Rev. Mr. Snow, 3

Rev. Mr. Crafts, 2; Rev. Mr. Smith, 2; Rev. Messrs. Rackett, Phelps, Andrews, McQueen, Hammett and Haynes 1 each; J. H. Paine, Esq., 9; C. F. Parker, Esq., and A. I. Woodberry, Esq., 1 each.

Fifty-three deaths have been placed upon record the past year, and it is somewhat singular that the number is exactly the same as that of the previous year. The leading "cause of death" appears to be heart disease. Three deaths caused by "suicide," in one year, is without precedent in the records of this town. The age of the oldest male person is ninety-three years; and the oldest female is eighty-five. Out of the whole number of deaths twenty-seven were females and twenty-six were males.

NUMBER AND ACCOUNT OF DOGS LICENSED.

Number of male dogs licensed,	112
Number of female dogs licensed,	5
Total number licensed,	<hr/> 117

Whole amount received for licenses,	\$249.00
Clerk's fees for issuing licenses deducted,	23.40
Balance paid County Treasurer,	<hr/> \$225.60
Amount retained by County Treasurer,	38.60
Amount received from County Treasurer, Jan. 7, 1896,	<hr/> \$187.00

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. PINE, TOWN CLERK.

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OF THE

School Committee

AND

Superintendent of Schools,

OF THE

TOWN OF HARWICH,

MASSACHUSETTS,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31,

~1895.~

HARWICH, MASS:
ALTON P. GOSS, STEAM PRINTER.
1896.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*The School Committee herewith present their report
for the year 1895:*

The schools of this town have been kept thirty-two weeks, except the High School, which has been in session forty weeks.

The change in the East Harwich and Harwich Port schools, from two separate schools in each section to mixed schools, seemed to be necessary both on account of the decrease in numbers of pupils and as a matter of economy. If in the future the attendance in either of them increases sufficiently to warrant a change again, they can be divided as before. We have an efficient corps of teachers, parents seem to be interested, and the pupils as a whole are doing good work. Diphtheria in West Harwich and scarlet fever in East has made attendance in those schools somewhat broken during the last term of nine weeks. To have good attendance means oversight of parents, attractiveness of the schools, a growth in the interest of the pupils and in the worth of the results.

Attendance at school, even if enforced, is better than to be negligent and permit our children to drift into the ranks of criminals.

We must realize that efficient schools can only be secured by providing suitable buildings, aiding and instructing teachers, and by having the supervision of competent persons. Ninety-three per cent. of the school children in this state are now under the care and supervision of Superintendents.

It will be necessary to revise the course of study in the High School, and to employ an assistant teacher, to meet the changed conditions imposed by the Board of Education for entering the Normal Schools; also more room will be needed.

The difference between the amounts expended for Books and Supplies, as shown by the reports of the School Committee and of the purchasing agent, is accounted for in the following manner:—The Committee's account is made up from the bills actually paid during the fiscal year by the Town Treasurer, including some unpaid bills of 1894, and excluding some purchases actually made in 1895, but not yet paid for; the purchasing agent's account is made up from the purchases actually made by him during the calendar year, whether the bills are paid in that year or not, and does not include unpaid bills from the previous year.

As the Superintendent's time belongs to the town, and as therefore he receives no extra compensation for care of books and supplies, and no commission for purchasing the same, a saving of about \$50 annually is effected by making him purchasing agent. By buying in larger quantities a greater discount is obtained.

TEACHERS' WAGES FOR THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

High School,	\$924.00
Centre—Grammar, Intermediate and	
Primary,	972.50
West—Grammar and Primary,	628.75
North—Mixed,	291.25
East,	507.50
South,	291.25
Port,	593.75
Pleasant Lake,	276.25
 Total Wages,	 \$4485.25

JANITORS' WAGES.

High and Centre Schools,	\$171.00
Pleasant Lake,	62.00
East,	66.75
South,	61.55
Port,	61.75
North,	58.50
West,	70.75
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Total,	\$552.30

FUEL.

High and Centre Schools,	\$82.60
Pleasant Lake,	23.64
East,	41.25
South,	25.75
Port,	55.20
North,	28.25
West,	57.20
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Fuel, Total,	\$ 311.89
Wages, "	4485.25
Janitors, "	552.30
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	\$5349.44

AVAILABLE AMOUNT FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by town,	\$5000.00
State School Fund,	245.09
Rebate on Superintendent's Salary,	275.00
Dog Tax,	187.00
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Total,	\$5707.09
Expended,	5349.44
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Balance of School Fund unexpended,	\$ 357.65

REPAIRS AND INCIDENTAL SUPPLIES.

High School and Centre,	\$50.77
Pleasant Lake,	11.69
East,	14.56
South,	32.47
Port,	39.33
North,	6.03
West,	25.80

	\$180.65
(Old bills, 1894,)	25.45

Total expenditure, 1895,	\$155.20
Books and School Supplies, (including Commission, Freight and Express)	\$584.79
(Old bills of 1894)	53.03

Total for 1895,	\$531.76

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Exchange Hall, rent for H. S. Graduation,	\$35.00
Taking School Census,	13.50
Printing letter heads, etc.,	7.25

	\$ 55.75
Superintendent's Salary,	780.00

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' Wages,	\$4485.25
Janitors,	552.30
Fuel,	311.89

Total,	\$5349.44
Repairs and Incidental Expenses,	155.20
Books and School Supplies,	531.76
Miscellaneous Items,	55.75
(Old bills of 1894,)	78.43
Superintendent's Salary,	780.00

(\$650 to be refunded.)	\$6950.58

Available School Fund,	\$5707.09
Appropriation for Books and Supplies,	300.00
" for Repairs and Incidentals,	300.00
" Salary of Superintendent,	000.00
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	\$6307.09

STATE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT.

Drawn from Town Treasurer,	\$20.00
Expended for School Purposes,	16.25
Balance on hand,	\$ 3.75

Respectfully Submitted,

WARREN J. NICKERSON, Chairman,
 S. A. HAYWARD, Secretary,
 GEORGE N. MUNSELL, Treasurer.

Harwich, Jan. 13, 1896.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HARWICH:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my second (and the fifth in the series of Superintendents' reports) annual report of the conditions and needs of your schools.

Most of the schools have made distinct progress during the past year. A few, however, have remained practically stationary, or have retrograded from the position which they occupied a year ago. This stagnation or lapse, whichever it may be, has been due to the failure of the teachers to adopt the suggestions made by me in regard to methods of teaching, discipline, etc., so that the children in their schools have not been able to keep pace with the pupils of the same grades in other schools in town.

An examination of the statistics of attendance will disclose the fact that the winter and spring terms of 1895 show a marked improvement over the corresponding terms of 1894. But when the fall term of 1895 is compared with the corresponding term of 1894, it will be seen that in the items of enrolment, average membership, average attendance and per cent. of attendance, there has been a tremendous falling off, while at the same time there has been a marked increase in the number of half-day absences. The weather has been fully as favorable during the fall term just closed as during the previous fall, and there has been no serious illness to deplete the schools. No doubt a portion of this grave loss is due to the fear of parents that their children might contract contagious or infectious diseases; yet I attribute the larger part of it to the change in the plan of supervising the attendance of pupils. A strong impetus was imparted at the opening of the fall term of 1894 to children and parents in securing regular attendance by putting the matter under the supervision of the Superintendent, where it properly belongs. The per cent. of attendance during that term was brought up to the high figure of 94. When the more unfavorable weather of the winter and spring terms is taken into consideration, it will be seen that this high standard was maintained during those terms of 1895. But with the change of plan at the open-

ing of the last fall term, placing the matter under the supervision of the local members of the Committee, the per cent. of attendance dropped 2.8. There have been fewer cases of tardiness and dismissal the past year.

The school registers show that I have made 196 visits to the schools during the past year. (My note-book shows a large number.) This is an average of more than six each week for the school year. Ninety-two visits by the Committee, an average of nearly one each week for each member, is a remarkably good exhibit. Probably three-fourths of the visits accredited to "parents and others" were made on closing days of terms, when the regular work of the school could not be inspected; and many minors are included in the number.

Your action during the year in making promotion from grade to grade dependent upon the judgment of the teacher and superintendent, and also in declining to admit to examination for promotion to the High School any pupil who has not satisfactorily completed the work of Grade IX is a distinct step in advance. The wisdom of the latter part of the order has already been shown in the increased average ability of the entering class last fall in the High School to do the first-year work of that institution. The ineffective grading of the past, and the need of careful attention to this matter in the future, can be seen by turning to the table giving the number of children in each grade and the average age of the grade. The average age of Grade I children ought to be between 5 and 6 years; of Grade II between 6 and 7; and so on. It will be seen that in almost every instance the average age is from six months to eighteen months greater than it should be. It must be evident from this that the average child is not making the progress he should make, and that efforts of teachers and school officers should be made to advance him more rapidly. Some curiously anomalous conditions are presented by this table; in some cases the average age of a higher grade is exactly the same as that of the lower; and in other cases—two of them in one school—the average age of the higher grade is actually lower than that of the grade below.

I feel that I should leave a duty undone did I not

recommend some partial consolidation of the schools during the coming year. The schools at the Centre can receive the children from either the North, Pleasant Lake, East, or South sections. The children in the North school could also be placed in the West schools, and two schools might be formed in the South school-house by the transportation of the East pupils thither. A still better arrangement would be to transport both the East and South pupils to the Port, and open three schools at that point. The best plan, and the one that I would advise the adoption of is as follows: Place the North pupils in the West schools; the South pupils at the Port; the Pleasant Lake children at the Centre and the East children at the Port, or vice versa. Under this plan the wages of three teachers would be saved, four school-houses would be closed and a consequent saving effected in the wages of as many janitors and in a proportionate amount of fuel. This ought to more than pay the cost of transportation of pupils. I would not advise this action, however, until the matter had first been submitted in each section to the parents of the children who would be affected; if a majority in any section were opposed to the change, I should abandon all thought of altering the conditions, so far as that section was concerned.

I am compelled, much against my will, to renew some recommendations which I made a year ago in regard to the High School, and to add others. I cannot believe but that the citizens of this town wish to have a High School which will fit pupils for the Normal School, at least. This our present High School cannot do for two reasons: First,—some studies which are now required for admission to the Normal School are missing from the course, viz: Chemistry, Drawing (including mechanical and free-hand, with any one of the topics,—form, color, and arrangement), and Musical Notation. Second,—the school would not meet with the approval of the State Board of Education, which in 1896 and thereafter will be necessary to all candidates applying for admission to the Normal Schools of the State. The approval of the Board would be withheld for the following reasons: (a) Course of study deficient. (b) Incomplete course in English Literature. (c) Teaching force not

adequate. (d) Inadequate equipment. (e) An arrangement of the Course of Study such that in alternate years pupils do not study Algebra until their second year in school and Geometry until their third year, HAVING NO MATHEMATICS THE FIRST YEAR. (In the Classical Course Geometry is not taken up until the fourth year, after a year's interval since the study of Algebra was completed.) But worse still is the arrangement whereby two different classes, one fresh from their work in Arithmetic in the Grammar schools, and the other after a year's abstention from mathematical work,—the one with the previous year's training wholly elementary, and the other with entirely secondary training for the previous year and with a year more of life, thought, and power,—are thrown together to pursue the study of Algebra. Under this miserable makeshift of a system to save the services of an assistant teacher, in one pair of years Zoology and Botany are studied before Physical Geography, and in the next couple of years the order is reversed. A similar reversal takes place with Algebra and General History, Rhetoric and English Literature (only one year's study of English Literature in school—and in the classical course only a half year's), Civics and Geometry; and in the classical course French and Geometry, and Vergil and Cicero. In addition to Algebra, already cited, two distinct classes will be found at various times pursuing together the following studies: Zoology, Botany, Rhetoric, Civics, General History, Physical Geography, English Literature, Geometry, French (one and one-half years), Vergil, and Cicero.

My recommendations, therefore, are as follows: 1. That an Assistant Teacher be employed. 2. That a recitation room be furnished. 3. That a chemical laboratory be built and equipped. 4. That Chemistry, Drawing, and Musical Notation be added to the prescribed Course of Study. 5. That the course in English Literature be extended through at least three years. 6. That the Course of Study be further modified to meet the advantages made possible by the proposed addition to the teaching force. Teacher and pupils are now working faithfully, and as successfully as could be expected under the adverse conditions

prevailing. It is a GOOD school, with an earnest, hard-working teacher, and a splendid lot of boys and girls under the shelter of the old Academy roof. But the times change, and we must change with them,—or go to the wall. Within the last year the State Board of Education, in raising the standard for admission to the Normal Schools, has imposed an additional burden upon the High Schools. I take it for granted that when the new Normal School at Hyannis shall throw open its doors, many of our High School graduates will wish to enter, to fit themselves there for the PROFESSION of teaching. Shall they be debarred because our High School fails to meet the demand of the Board? In that case the children could secure instruction in an approved High School elsewhere, AND THE TOWN WOULD BE LIABLE FOR THEIR TUITION.

As I was not furnished with the former purchasing agent's Book and Supply Account (through no fault of his, however) until the close of the year, I was ignorant of the amount which had already been expended when I assumed charge of that work April 27. About \$80 (in round numbers) was expended for apparatus—physical apparatus, globes, and reference books—and should properly be charged to the town's share of the State School Fund. In order to obtain a greater discount on supplies, and to save numerous bills from time to time for freight and express, I deemed it best to purchase in the fall sufficient supplies for the ensuing school year. The difference beteen the stock on hand Jan. 1, 1895, and Jan. 1, 1896, (over \$75) represents largely the balance of school stationery remaining, which will probably be sufficient to carry the schools through until July, thus necessitating very little further expenditure until next fall. The large amount furnished to the High School may need some explanation. It was necessary to purchase an unusually large number of text-books at the opening of the fall term, as many of the old books were too much worn to be of further service. About \$50 was expended, also, in the purchase of physical apparatus. These items, with the usual amount for stationery, make up the sum shown in the statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. O. CARTWRIGHT, SUPT.

SCHOOL BOOK, SUPPLIES, AND APPARATUS
ACCOUNT.

C. E. BRETT AND W. O. CARTWRIGHT IN ACCOUNT WITH
TOWN OF HARWICH.

DR.

Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1895,	\$115.46
Books and Supplies purchased by C. E. Brett,	141.12
Books and Supplies purchased by W. O. Cartwright,	336.55
Apparatus purchased by W. O. Cartwright,	82.06
	———— \$675.19

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Books, Supplies, and Apparatus furnished :	
High,	\$196.57
Centre Grammar,	28.48
" Intermediate,	20.36
" Primary,	20.98
East,	52.36
South,	35.98
Port,	34.82
West Grammar,	24.82
" Primary,	13.04
North,	26.95
Pleasant Lake,	28.30
	———— \$482.66
Stock on hand, Jan. 1, 1896,	192.53
	———— \$675.19

W. O. CARTWRIGHT, PURCHASING AGENT.

SCHOOL CENSUS AND ENROLMENT STATISTICS.

Number of persons in town on the first day of May, 1895, between 8 and 14 years of age,	196
" " persons in town on the first day of May, 1895, between 5 and 15 years of age,	332
" " pupils under 5 years of age, (spring term,	0
" " " between 8 and 14 years, " "	198
" " " 5 and 15 " "	316
" " " over 15 years of age, " "	48

NUMBER OF PUPILS, AND AVERAGE AGE, IN EACH GRADE. (Fall Term.)

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

School.	Term.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Half Day Absences.	Tardy Marks.	Dismissals.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by Com.	Visits by parents and others
High.....	Winter	38	37.3	34.6	92.7	449	96	42	6	2	10
	Spring	37	34.6	31	89.8	357	80	52	7	0	16
	Fall	34	31.6	28.5	90.1	294	9	23	8	3	14
	Year	43	34.5	31.4	91	1100	185	117	21	5	40
Centre Grammar	Winter	29	27.8	25	89.9	236	23	27	9	1	13
	Spring	24	23.6	22.4	94.9	143	22	37	6	1	14
	Fall	34	33.5	31.2	93.1	122	10	11	9	2	16
	Year	34	27.6	25.6	92.8	491	55	75	24	4	43
Centre Intermediate....	Winter	24	22.6	20.3	89	332	27	5	6	1	21
	Spring	24	24	22	91	197	31	19	4	1	15
	Fall	23	22	21.3	97	65	6	3	8	4	58
	Year	34	22.9	21.2	92.6	594	64	27	18	6	94
Centre Primary	Winter	29	27.3	23.7	86.8	469	25	3	4	0	19
	Spring	41	37.5	35.3	94.1	495	25	0	7	2	23
	Fall	38	35.2	26.9	76.4	854	53	5	5	3	22
	Year	52	33.3	28.6	85.7	1818	103	8	16	5	64
East Grammar	Winter	17	16	13.1	81.8	294	26	5	4	2	28
	Spring	12	10.9	9.7	88.9	122	22	6	5	3	37
East Primary	Winter	19	16	14	87.5	204	36	6	6	3	5
	Spring	19	18	15.2	84.4	357	17	8	5	3	22
East Mixed..	Fall	29	19.7	16.6	84.3	300	18	6	4	2	3
	Year	39	26.9	22.9	85.4	1277	119	31	24	13	95
South.....	Winter	33	26.3	23.6	89.7	396	27	9	5	2	34
	Spring	33	28.3	26.6	93.7	614	22	14	4	3	26
	Fall	27	26.5	25.8	97.3	58	15	13	5	2	4
	Year	38	27	25.3	93.5	1068	64	36	14	7	64
Port Grammar	Winter	25	21	19.9	95	177	32	17	7	2	17
	Spring	27	23	22	95	117	28	18	7	3	2
Port Primary	Winter	21	17.7	16.6	94	319	6	9	6	3	10
	Spring	25	21.9	20.4	93	170	34	13	8	3	10
Port Mixed	Fall	43	41.8	39.3	94	227	3	9	3	4	14
	Year	52	41.8	39.4	94.2	1010	103	60	31	15	53
West Grammar	Winter	30	26.9	22.3	82	1040	45	61	2	4	66
	Spring	29	25.8	22.8	81	637	31	78	7	3	38
	Fall	31	29.5	27.8	94	352	12	22	4	6	18
	Year	39	27.4	24.3	86	2029	88	161	13	13	122
West Primary	Winter	36	33.6	30.9	91.9	360	33	3	2	3	31
	Spring	35	29.3	27.7	94.8	229	23	7	7	3	33
	Fall	28	20.3	19.2	94.5	97	14	4	4	4	12
	Year	36	27.7	25.9	93.4	686	70	14	13	10	76
North.....	Winter	24	20.1	16.4	81.5	439	8	30	4	2	6
	Spring	27	24.1	20.3	84.2	381	21	26	5	1	9
	Fall	29	24.8	22.2	89.5	236	14	17	2	4	2
	Year	33	23	19.6	85.2	1056	43	73	11	7	17
Pleasant Lake.....	Winter	40	36	34.6	96.1	202	16	0	3	1	38
	Spring	33	30.3	27	89.1	232	4	0	4	3	19
	Fall	30	29	27.5	94.8	111	12	1	4	3	24
	Year	47	31.8	29.7	93.3	545	32	1	11	7	81
All the Schools.....	Winter	384	328.6	295	89.8	4917	400	217	64	26	298
	Spring	366	351.3	302.4	91.3	4051	360	278	76	29	264
	Fall	346	313.9	286.3	91.2	2716	166	114	56	37	187
	Year	447*	324.6	294.6	90.8	11684	926	609	196	92	749

*Less 42 enrolled more than once leaves 405 as total enrolment of different pupils.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

WITHDRAWALS.

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>from</i>
Clenric H. Cahoon,	East Grammar.
Wm. H. Powers,	High.
H. W. Hunt,	Centre Grammar.
Sallie A. Bowen,	" Intermediate.
Lizzie D. Nickerson,	" Primary.
Mrs. Carrie Jackman,	Port, "
Samuel T. Sears,	West Grammar.
Ella K. Crowell,	North.

TRANSFERS.

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>to</i>
W. E. Dixon,	Port Grammar,	High.
Harriet B. Bowdoin,	East Primary,	Centre Primary.
Tamson D. Eldridge,	Pleasant Lake,	" Intermediate.
Sarah E. Whitlock,	East Grammar,	East Mixed.

ELECTIONS.

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>to</i>
Robert S. Baker,	Centre Grammar.
Sarah E. Whitlock,	East "
Lucia E. VanDyke,	Port Mixed.
Mary L. Aldrich,	West Grammar.
Laura E. Ransom,	North.
Bertha A. Atkins,	Pleasant Lake.
Meta Jenkins, (Assistant)	Port Mixed.

LIST OF TEACHERS DEC. 31, 1895.

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Training.	Date of Election.	Year of Teaching.
High Centre Grammar	W. E. Dixon	Phillips Exeter Academy	Oct., 1895	Fourth
" Intermediate	Robert S. Baker	Bates College*	Oct., 1895	Fifth
" Primary	Miss Tamson D. Eldridge	High School	Apr., 1892	Fifth
East	Miss H. B. Bowdoin	High School	Oct., 1893	Fifth
South	Miss Sarah E. Whitlock	Randolph (Vt.) Normal	Apr., 1895	Fourth
Port (Principal)	Miss Annie G. Balch	Colby Academy	Oct., 1894	Third
" (Assistant)	Miss Lucia E. VanDyke	Randolph (Vt.) Normal	Oct., 1895	Fifth
West Grammar	Miss Meta Jenkins	High School	Nov., 1895	First
" Primary	Miss Mary L. Aldrich	R. I. Normal*	Oct., 1895	Eighth
North Pleasant Lake	Mrs. Helen R. Ellis	Common School	Dec., 1869	Twenty-seventh
	Miss Laura E. Ransom	Smith College*	Oct., 1895	First
	Miss Bertha A. Atkins	High School	Oct., 1895	First

*Not a graduate.

Smith College*

HARWICH HIGH SCHOOL.

COURSES OF STUDY. ADOPTED 1893.

ENGLISH COURSE.

1895-96.

First Year Class.—English Composition, General History,
Physical Geography.

Second Year Class.—English Literature, General History,
Physical Geography, Geometry.

Third Year Class.—English Literature, Physics, Geometry,
Modern History.

1896-97.

First Year Class.—English Composition, Algebra, Zoology,
(first half of year,) Botany (second
half of year.)

Second Year Class.—Rhetoric, Algebra, Civics, Zoology
(first half of year), Botany (second
half of year).

Third Year Class.—Rhetoric, Physics, Civics, Modern
History.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

1895-96.

First Year Class.—English Composition, General History,
Latin.

Second Year Class.—English Literature (first half of year),
French (second half of year), General
History, Cæsar, Greek.

Third Year Class.—English Literature (first half of year),
French (second half of year), Geome-
try, Cicero, Anabasis.

Fourth Year Class.—Physics, Geometry, Cicero, Homer,
Herodotus.

1896-97.

First Year Class—English Composition, Algebra, Latin.
 Second Year Class.—Rhetoric, Algebra, Cæsar, Greek.
 Third Year Class.—Rhetoric, French, Virgil, Anabasis.
 Fourth Year Class.—Physics, French, Virgil, Homer, and Herodotus.

Occasional supplementary work in the Common English branches is to be given to all classes.

The courses for 1897-98 will be the same as for 1895-96; for 1898-99 the same as for 1896-97.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

CLASS OF 1895.

College Preparatory (Four Year) Course.

EVELYN HORTON ELLIS,
 URSULÁ IRVING PAINE.

English and Latin (Three Year) Course.

LAURA SEARS BAKER,
 LYDIA STEVENS BURGESS,
 CALEB CHASE,
 JAMES SMALLEY CHASE,
 ALTON WINFRED ELDREDGE,
 CHARLES JENKINS KELLEY,
 ADELAIDE MAY MATTHEWS,
 JESSIE MILLICENT ROGERS,
 LEON CARLTON SMALL,
 LULU BARTLEY TOBEY,
 EVELINE WILLIAMS WEEKES,
 FLORENCE MABEL WILSON.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who were neither absent nor tardy.

HIGH.

Winter Term.—Lawrence S. Bearse, Louie E. Rogers.

Spring Term—Horace C. Small.

Fall—Flora L. Howes, Mary E. Smith.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Winter Term.—Orwell Crosby.

Spring Term.—Harriet Paine, Nannie Tobey.

Fall Term.—Bessie Bearse, Chester Cahoon, Eva M. Handren, Joseph Moody, William Moody, J. Ensign Nickerson, Bertha R. Paine, Harriet Paine, Arthur Tobey, Sophia Van Amringe.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Winter Term.—Albertus M. Gage, Claude M. Hamer.

Spring Term.—Arthur P. Doane, Arthur M. Ellis, Claude M. Hamer, Carrie M. Sayles, Chester A. Small,

Fall Term.—Eliza A. Bearse, Claude M. Hamer, Ida F. Harriman, Florence A. Larkin, Richard H. Mullaney, Blanche F. Raymond, Carrie M. Sayles, Chester A. Small, G. Leroy Weekes.

Year.—Claude M. Hamer.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Winter Term.—Blanche Raymond.

Spring Term.—Leo Bassett, Edith Chase, Walter Doane, Susie Gage.

Fall Term.—Edgar Bassett, Joseph Hamer.

EAST.

Fall Term.—Harold Nickerson, Lloyd Nickerson.

SOUTH.

Winter Term.—Leroy Cahoon, Mabel Nickerson, Bernice Sears, George Small.

Spring.—Leroy Cahoon, Bernard Kendrick, Bernice Sears, Mary Smith, Susie Smith, Bennie Walker.



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Fall Term.—Blanche Bearse, Leroy Cahoon, Bernice Chase, Bernard Kendrick, Bernice Sears, Susie Smith, Lura Stokes, Bennie Walker.

Year.—Leroy S. Cahoon, Bernice E. Sears.

PORT.

Fall Term—Eva Allen, Phinnie Baker, Urban Eldridge, Albert Kelley, Emma Kelley, Harold Kelley, Robert Megathlin, Ernest Nickerson, Abbie Small, Norwell Smalley, Olive Tuttle.

WEST GRAMMAR.

Winter Term.—Alexcena Berry, Arthur F. Chase, Cynthia B. Kelley,

Spring Term.—Arthur F. Chase, Mary D. Hentz.

Fall Term.—Walter H. Berry, Emily S. Chase, Flossie E. Chase, Walter M. Chase, Nettie W. Gridley, Mary D. Hentz, Russell E. Howes, Bennie F. Hurst, Cynthia B. Kelley, Arthur E. Nickerson, Gussie V. Park.

WEST PRIMARY.

Winter Term.—Esther S. Chase, Mildred Ellis, George B. Ellis.

Spring Term.—Edith L. Chase, Andrew J. Chase, Johnnie B. Ellis, Wallace E. Howland.

Fall Term —J. Wilton Berry.

NORTH.

Winter Term.—S. Arthur Cahoon.

Spring Term.—Eddie E. Hall.

Fall Term.—Edward E. Hall, Herbert A. Ryder.

PLEASANT LAKE.

Winter Term.—Alberto E. Atkins, Herbert Clark.

Spring Term.—Sadie Bassett.

Fall Term.—Alberto E. Atkins, Effie M. Bassett, Mary A. Bassett, E. Emylla Cahoon, Charlie F. Nichols.